

**DOWNTOWN MARIETTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

Members Present: Tom Browning, Roger DeBoy, Bill Dunaway, Al Johnson, Jimmy Duvlaris, Dave Reardon

Members Absent: Carey Cox, Sam Olens

Attorney: Jason O'Dell

Recording Secretary: Mary Anne Landers

Agenda Item I – Call to order

With a quorum present, Chairman Tom Browning called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Agenda Item II – Approval of minutes of last meeting (October 15, 2008)

The minutes of the last meeting held on October 15, 2008 were unanimously approved as moved by Mr. Dunaway and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Agenda Item III - Request for Arts Support – Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre- Lisa Touns, Artistic Director

Lisa Touns, Artistic Director and Jody Kuhn presented information and their request of \$10,000 financial support for their general operating fund and \$10,000 funding for the “Go Girl Festival”.

The request was tabled until the December 11 meeting.

Agenda Item IV – Request for Arts Support – Marietta Museum of Art – Sally Macaulay

Sally Macaulay presented information and a request for \$20,000 in funding for the upcoming year to continue presenting exhibitions and programs.

The request was tabled until the December 11 meeting.

Agenda Item V – Request for contribution for lighting maintenance contract For silhouette lighting around the Marietta Square – Beth Sessoms, Economic Development Manager.

Beth Sessoms requests a contribution from DMDA in the amount of \$5,360.00 associated with the maintenance contract for the silhouette lighting around the Marietta Square.

Action: Mr. Reardon made a motion to approve \$5,360.00 to be paid in December. Mr. DeBoy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

Agenda Item VI – Request for Arts Support – Friends of the Strand Theatre – Earl Reese, Executive Director, and Christy Rosell, Director of Business Development and Marketing

Earl Reese, Executive Director, and Christy Rosell, Director of Business Development and Marketing for the Strand Theatre presented information about the upcoming opening of the new Strand Theatre. They are estimating 60,000 people will be coming for various concerts, Lyric Theatre musicals, movies, and events during the year which should generate 1.4 million dollars (estimate) for local merchants. They are requesting a donation of \$30,000 to help fund the restoration of the historic theatre.

The request was tabled until the December 11 meeting.

Agenda Item VII – Request for Arts Support – Theatre in the Square – Palmer Wells, Producing Manager, and Raye Varney, Managing Director

Palmer Wells and Raye Varney presented information about their upcoming Holiday Shows and their capital campaign to modernize current space and to renovate the lobby and additional acquired space.

They are requesting a \$20,000 sponsorship for their Holiday Shows and \$10,000 contribution to support their capital campaign.

The request was tabled until the December 11 meeting.

Agenda Item VIII – CSX property on the Historical Walk

There was a discussion regarding CSX asking if the Authority is interested in taking the part of the walk under the train car on the Square – approximately 60' X 10".

Mr. Dunaway explained plans for the new mountain to river trail and how it would go along the walk next to the railroad tracks if it comes through Marietta. Alternative routes were also discussed.

Agenda Item IX – Set meeting calendar for 2009

The meeting calendar for 2009 was presented.

Action: Mr. Duvlaris moved we accept the 2009 calendar as presented and Mr. Browning seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item X – Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Authority.

Agenda Item XI – Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Authority, Mr. Browning adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

William B. Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer